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Subject: Monthly Meeting & Retreat, Striking Marriott Hotel Workers, Safe Patient Limits Press Conference & more!
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October Monthly Meeting & Retreat

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DATE: Mon, Oct 15th
TIME: 6-8pm
LOCATION: St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center, 175 Ruggles St., Roxbury
(enter through back door facing parking lot)

Get updates on our campaigns and events, hear from our workers rights' partner organizations, such as Jobs with Justice, Restaurant Opportunities Center, SEIU 32BJ & the Labor Guild, and network with passionate, informed activists!

October Retreat

DATE: Sat, October 27th
TIME: 10am-3pm
LOCATION: Home of MIWJ Leader in Cambridge

Join Mass IWJ activists for a potluck retreat, interfaith reflection, and trainings in **Labor History in the U.S** (Marcelle Grair, Organizer, Boston Teachers Union), **Communications: Crafting Your Message** (Gillian Mason, Co- Director, Mass. Jobs with Justice), **How to Run a Labor in the Pulpit/On the Bimah/In the Minbar** (Jeb Mays - Treasurer & Sarah Kelley - Organizer, Mass. Interfaith Worker Justice). RSVP to Jeb Mays at jebmays@gmail.com.

What to bring:

- It will be a potluck lunch, so if you can volunteer to bring a dish or appetizer, please contact Jeb Mays at jebmays@gmail.com.

- Feel free to bring a short prayer or reflection to share!

Boston Marriot Hotel Workers on Strike!

Historic strike at the biggest hotel employer in Boston

Workers say: "One Job Should Be Enough" to wealthiest hotel company in the world

Over 1,500 Marriott hotel workers in Boston are on strike. They have traded in their mops, trays, and uniforms for picket signs and drums. Workers walked out at seven Marriott-operated hotels today, including the Aloft Boston Seaport District, the Element Boston Seaport District, the Ritz-Carlton Boston, the Sheraton Boston, the W Hotel Boston, the Westin Boston Waterfront, and the Westin Copley Place. This is the first hotel strike in Boston's history. The last time Local 26 workers went on strike was at Harvard in October 2016, when dining hall workers walked out for 22 days and successfully settled a contract with the world's richest university.

Hotel workers called for a strike after Marriott failed meet workers' modest demand that One Job Should Be Enough, despite months of negotiations.

"I am striking because I have to work three jobs to try and cover all my family's expenses,"

said Brooke Melanson, a bartender at the Westin Boston Waterfront. "Just like any parent, I want time with my children to see them grow up. We hear all the time how well Marriott is doing. We want Marriott to recognize our contribution to their success."...

Continue reading press release here.

4 Ways to Support Marriot Hotel Workers:

1. Pledge to not cross the picket lines: https://www.marriotttravelalert.org/sign-the-pledge/

2. Make a contribution to the Strike Assistance Fund here: https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/supportthestrike

3. Stand in solidarity with workers on the picket lines from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at any of the 7 hotels:

- Aloft Boston Seaport District, 401-403 D Street Boston 02210
- Element Boston Seaport District, 391-395 D Street Boston 02210
- Ritz-Carlton Boston, 10 Avery Street Boston, MA 02111
- Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton St. Boston, MA 02199
- W Boston, 100 Stuart Street Boston, MA 02116
- The Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02116
- Westin Boston Waterfront 425 Summer Street Boston, MA 02110

4. Stay informed and spread the word:

- **Read article in the Boston Globe, "Workers at Marriott Hotels in Boston Go on Strike," by Katie Johnson, October 3rd, 2018**
- Twitter: @unitehere26 #1job #MarriottStrike
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/uniteherelocal26/

YES on 1 Press Conference

Join the Mass. Nurses Association Press Conference in support of YES on 1: Safe Patient Limits!

DATE: Tuesday, October 16th

TIME: 11am-11:45am

LOCATION: Steps of Boston City Hall

Today in Massachusetts hospitals, there is no law and no limit to guide the number of patients that can be assigned to a nurse at one time (aside from the ICU). Massachusetts hospitals are facing deteriorating patient care conditions, leading to more complications, readmissions, and errors, as well as longer hospital stays and real life-threatening risks.

The Patient Safety Act will dramatically improve patient safety in Massachusetts hospitals by setting a safe maximum limit on the number of patients assigned to a nurse at one time, while providing flexibility to adjust nurses' patient assignments based on specific patient needs.

The initiative is supported by a broad coalition from across Massachusetts, including registered nurses, patients and family members, health and safety organizations, community groups, unions and elected officials.

The filing of the Patient Safety Act comes on the heels of dozens of prominent research studies and reports that show the need to set a maximum limit on the number of patients that can be assigned to each registered nurse at one time if we are to avoid mistakes, serious

complications and preventable readmissions.

For more information: https://safepatientlimits.org/

YES on 3 Faith Week of Action

The YES on 3 Faith Week of Action kicked off yesterday! Join them for postcarding, canvassing or phonebanking, or host your own phonebank with our NEAT program. The flagship event is **a screening of Out of Order tomorrow at 7 PM** at the Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury St., Boston. They're also looking for faith leaders to incorporate Yes on 3 into their official church communications. Sign up here if you are interested: www.freedommassachusetts.org/faith-week

Share on Twitter: https://twitter.com/Freedom_Mass/status/1049436778820710400
Share on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/265905810712454/

November 6th is less than a month away. Spread the word about why a YES on all three ballot questions supports fair conditions and healthy, safe environments for working people through door knocking and phone banking opportunities listed below!

Doorknocking:

- Every Monday @ 6 pm in Boston (Massachusetts Jobs with Justice Office, 375 Centre St. in Jamaica Plain) https://www.facebook.com/events/2059051664347040/
- Every Monday @ 6 pm in Quincy (Gunther Toothies, 1253 Hancock St.) https://www.facebook.com/events/1948684781856692/
- Every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm in Medford (Oasis Cafe, 377 Main St.) https://www.facebook.com/events/1107177396113660/
- Every Wednesday @ 5:30 in Beverly (Atomic Coffee, 268 Cabot St) https://www.facebook.com/events/250009972366767/

- Every Thursday @ 3 pm in Boston (Dorchester/UMass Boston, Dunkin Donuts 456 Blue Hill Avenue) https://www.facebook.com/events/307340660028841/
- Every Thursday @ 3 pm in Worcester (Worcester Grand View Library)
- Every Thursday @ 5:30 pm in Framingham (Brophy School 575 Pleasant St.) https://www.facebook.com/events/584640575286893/

*Participants should arrive on time for a brief training before hitting the streets. Never door knocked befored? No problem! All new volunteers will be paired with an experienced organizer.

Phonebanking:

- Every Thursday @ 5:30 pm at the Massachusetts Jobs with Justice Office (375 Centre St. in Jamaica Plain) or remotely from your home.

*Phones and laptops are available but if able, please bring your own 1. phone and 2. laptop or tablet to ensure there are enough for all participants!

"Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts."

James 5:4

In Faith & Solidarity,

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